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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A lantern lock, comprising:

a socket assembly comprising a base, a threaded light bulb socket attached to said base, and a power cord electrically attached to said socket;
a mounting stud attached to said socket assembly, said mounting stud configured to be mountable in a griphead; and

a spreading frame fixedly attached to said mounting stud, said spreading frame for holding a light shade in a fixed position, wherein said spreading frame comprises at least one hook positioned in proximity to said socket assembly base, at least one extension arm respectively having a first end and a second end wherein the first end is attached to and respectively extending from said at least one hook, and at least one retaining mechanism attached at said second end of said at least one extension arm.

2. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 1, wherein:

said shade comprises a collapsible accordion-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said accordion-style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

3. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 2, wherein:

said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said accordion-style lantern shade to expand said accordion-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said accordion-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

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4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 1, wherein:
said mounting stud comprises a hollow cylindrical tube wherein said power cord is threaded through said tube.

6. (Original) A lantern lock, comprising:
a socket assembly comprising a threaded light bulb socket and a power cord electrically attached to said socket;
a clamp which clamps at least a portion of said socket assembly;
a mounting stud attached to said clamp; and
a spreading frame fixedly attached to said socket assembly, said spreading frame for holding a light shade in a fixed position.

7. (Original) The lantern lock of claim 6, wherein:
said portion of said socket assembly comprises said threaded light bulb socket.

8. (Original) The lantern lock of claim 6, wherein:
said portion of said socket assembly comprises said power cord.

9. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 6, wherein:
said light shade comprises a collapsible accordion-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said accordion-style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

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10. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 9, wherein:

said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said accordion-style lantern shade to expand said accordion-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said accordion-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

11. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 7, wherein:

said shade comprises a collapsible accordion-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said accordion-style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

12. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 11, wherein:

said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said accordion-style lantern shade to expand said accordion-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said accordion-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

13. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said light shade comprises a collapsible accordion-style lantern shade having a plurality of ribs and flexible material attached to said ribs to allow said accordion-style lantern shade to expand from a collapsed position to an expanded position.

14. (Previously Presented) A lantern lock in accordance with claim 13, wherein:

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said spreading frame is configured to be insertable into said accordion-style lantern shade to expand said accordion-style lantern shade to said expanded position and to retain said accordion-style lantern shade in said expanded position.

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